

## FARM NEWS

**W. P. WATSON  
OUTLINES 1951  
FARM PICTURE**

The Annual Convention of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association was held in the Coliseum, Exhibition Park, Toronto, the first three days of last week. At the same time the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers and the Ontario Retail Farm Equipment Dealers were also in session. All three conventions were well attended with delegates in attendance from all sections of Ontario.

Personally we attended the Crop Convention for two days and a wealth of valuable information was presented relative to Soils, Crops, Water, Marketing, etc. It is perhaps foolhardy to single out any speaker for special mention, but in so far as we could gather the highlights were the addresses of Dr. L. Harrold, U.S. Soil Conservation Service at Coshocton, Ohio, who spoke on Water and Soils in Agriculture; W. P. Watson, Ontario Livestock Commissioner, who took as his topic "The Agricultural Outlook for 1951," and the Rt. Hon. James G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture for Canada, who was the guest speaker at the Annual Banquet.

We cannot hope to deal with all three addresses in this week's column and it has occurred to us that a few of the highlights of W. P. Watson's address would be of interest. Incidentally, Mr. Watson has gained in former years an enviable record as prognosticator of the Agricultural Outlook. Keeping in mind the present International situation, Mr. Watson stated "there is no reason for pessimism in the economic front." He pointed out that the governments on this continent are spending astronomical amounts of money for defense purposes. This can have only one result and that is of an inflationary nature, but he stated, if higher prices are the only sacrifice we have to make, we are getting off very easily. In the past decade Great Britain has been our greatest market. Furthermore, the buying power of Great Britain has been declining steadily. A small Aid Agreement in 1950 and very little since then. We may, therefore, expect a further decline in our surplus. It was also pointed out that in 1950 over 50 per cent of our exports in value were to U.S. in contrast to one third in previous years. In short, our economy is now linked more closely with that of the U.S. than ever before. There is today full employment in the U.S. and Canada and only a limited amount of labour will be available in 1951. Supplies of feed grain in Canada are larger today than at any time since 1944. The greatest factor in the price of our own grain is the price of grain in U.S. All Western feed grain is channelled through the Canadian Grain Board. There is little reason for believing that grain prices will be any lower at least until spring when navigation opens.

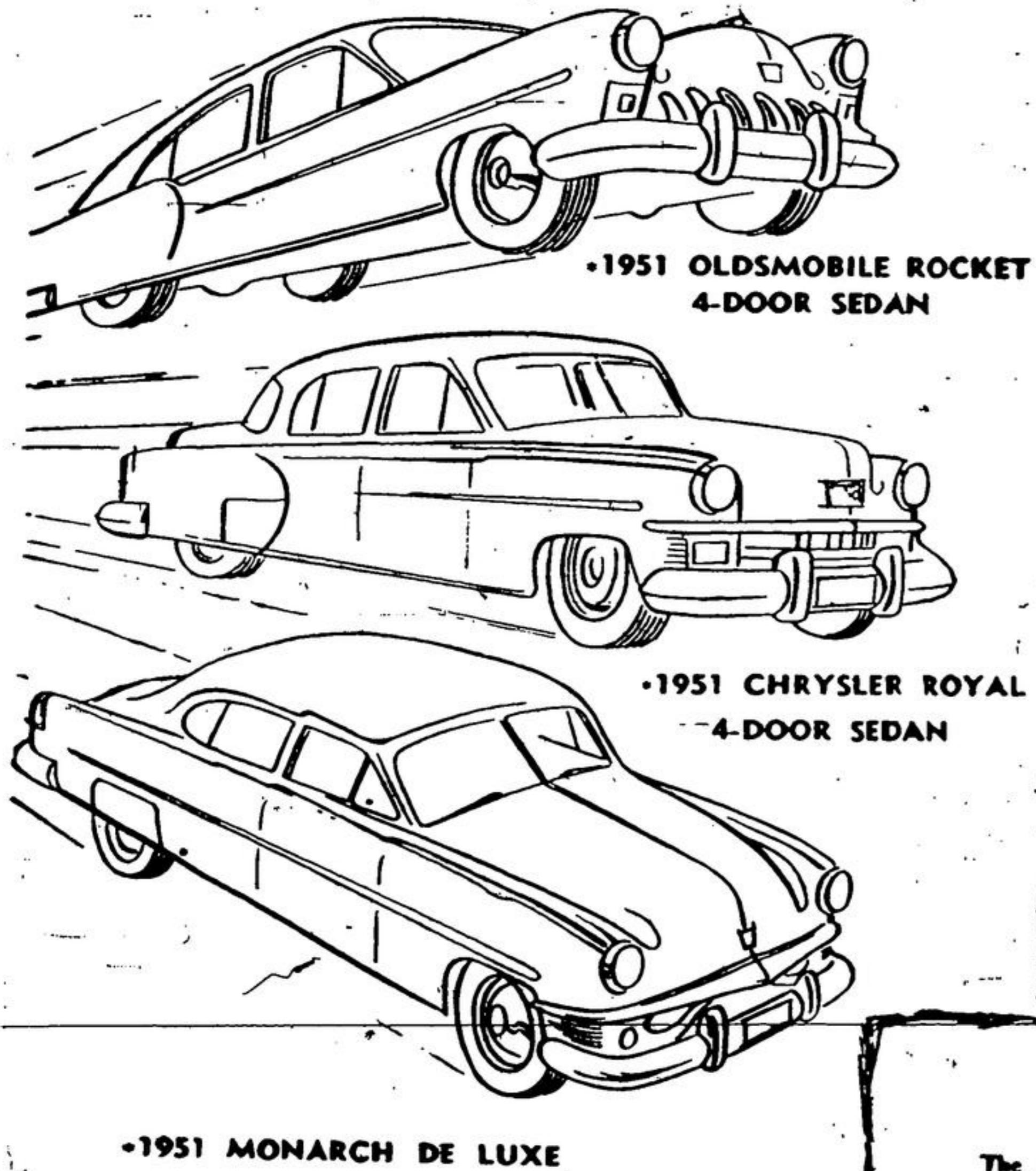
In referring to livestock, Mr. Watson pointed out that the price of beef cattle is close to an all-time high, due largely to the fact that our beef cattle population on this continent in recent years has not kept pace with the increase in human population. In his opinion consumers can look forward to paying a high price for beef in 1951. In 1950 we consumed 50 million pounds less beef but consumed 75 million pounds more pork. Mr. Watson does not anticipate that the removing of the embargo against US pork will materially affect the price of Canadian hogs, nor does he think Canada will produce more hogs in 1951 than was done in 1950. Mr. Watson in referring to the dairy situation, stated that the threat of war may cause a switch from cheese production to the production of canned milk. The most tragic situation in the livestock field is our sheep. Today less than 300,000 head in Ontario, and it was pointed out that the wool in New Zealand had recently hit one sterling per pound and \$1.00 per pound in U.S. Sheep men can keep all ewe lambs over the next five years, there is no danger of over-production. "The bad news I have for you," stated Mr. Watson, "pertains to labour." The supply of farm machinery is likely to be less, due to supply of available steel and available Hydro Electric power. Mr. Watson concluded his address by stating "If you handle more of that Green Stuff, the more of it will stick," and further "From the standpoint of efficiency we must be thinking in terms of cost of production, rather than price, because as soon as we are more likely to have selling prices than lower prices."

Incidentally, Mr. Watson will be the guest speaker at the 1951 Seed Fair and Bacon Show, to be held in Waterloo, Ontario, on March 11th.

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### JERSEY HISTORY REVIEWED AT ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

The eleventh annual meeting of the Halton Jersey Club was held at Hornby on Friday of last week. President Duncan Moffat was in charge of the excellent programme. Following their business session in the morning, 105 sat down to an excellent turkey repast served by the Hornby W.I. Numbered among the guests were Norman and Alfred Baggs, of Edgeley and Col. Bartley Bull, of Brampton.

Paul George-Ralphy of the Department of Animal Husbandry, who was introduced by M. C. Keown, was the guest speaker taking his subject "The Beck Fifty." Ralphy ably reviewed the history and development of the Jersey in Canada for the past forty years.

The excellent programme included the presentation of halters and crests to the following members of the Halton Jersey Club: Mary Lou

Alexander, Ruth and Marilyn Barnes, Eleanor Stark, Nick and Henry Bessem, and Grant Devlin. The McKendrick Trophy, emblematic of the Champion Jersey Calf Club was presented to Eleanor Stark, by Ken Ella.

During the day plans were made to hold a social evening in the Stewartson Hall on February 21st.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. H. Devlin; 1st Vice President, Ken Ella; 2nd Vice President, W. J. Hatch; Secretary-treasurer, J. E. Whitelock; Directors — Mae Alexander, G. R. Graham, Hans Kroiss, Hugh Beaty, W. E. Breckon, Ernest Davies, Geo. Hewer, Duncan Moffat, Stanley Robinson, and Chas. McKeown.

Auditor — Mrs. M. C. Beaty.

Jack Featherstone was appointed as the Halton representative on the Ontario Jersey Club executive.

Men, more than women, are afflicted by color-blindness. Forty out of every thousand men are colour blind.

### New Lions Club Formed in Erin

Plans for forming a Lions Club in Erin were made at a meeting of the Georgetown Lions Club at Hilltop Lodge, Erin last Tuesday.

The local club met with a number of Erin men who had been invited to discuss the possibility of a similar club there.

President Jack Armstrong presided at the meeting and asked several of the Georgetown members to express their views on Lionism including Harold McClure, only charter member of the club who is still an active member.

He complimented Don Barrager for his efforts in organizing the meeting.

District Governor Mansell Ketchum of Credit Valley was a guest at the dinner and gave some helpful information in a brief talk. He met later with the Erin men for a question period. The group decided to meet last night at the Busholme Inn to elect officers for the new

club.

Alex Reid of Guelph, who resided in Georgetown on several occasions entertained and made a hit with his own particular brand of comedy, which includes trick piano and violin playing.

A new member, Harry Goldham,

was initiated into membership in the Georgetown club, the district governor presenting him with his membership button.

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### HOG PRODUCERS MEET SATURDAY IN MILTON

Halton Hog Producers meet in the Court House, Milton, On. Saturday, January 27th, at 2:00 p.m., when R. H. Graham, Associate Livestock Commissioner for Ontario, is to be the guest speaker, states Percy Merry, president of the Halton Association. We understand, the programme will also include a report on Cost of Production, by Cedric Harrop, prominent Halton hog producer.